

LANE POINTS OUT CITY'S NEED OF MORE READY CASH

Report to Legislature Deals
With Money Problem; Also
Wants Labor Commission

"The government cannot, any more than a private enterprise, be successfully financed on a small surplus with which to meet the absolutely necessary increase in expenditures." This is one of the most pertinent sentences in the report of Mayor John C. Lane, sent to the legislature today.

The need of sufficient funds to conduct the affairs of the city and county of Honolulu as the mayor and board of supervisors desire that it should be conducted naturally seems to the mayor the most important problem for solution by remedial legislation. After saying that the city government has passed the experimental stage he proceeds at once to that subject and dwells upon it at some length.

Needs Greater Than Means
The gap between needs and means seems ever to widen, the mayor says, and is seldom bridged satisfactorily. The total income for the year 1915 was totally inadequate to meet the expenditures for that year and the same is true of this year. He then takes up the matter of needed expenditures. He treats of bonded indebtedness taken over with the water department, franchise bonds and the various city funds in order and points out how the cash basis fund tends to add to the inadequacy of funds available for general use by the board of supervisors.

Change Taxation Law
As to taxation the report says that under the present law, in spite of the fact that the county is growing rapidly thereby increasing the necessary functions of the government, the total income with which to meet the requirements for increased expenditures does not increase proportionately since the tax rate remains the same. He asks that the prescribed limit be raised.

He dwells briefly on the proposed city charter, need of funds for payment of expenses of convention and on bond issues, telling especially of the election that is being held today.

Frontage Tax Needs Changes
Taking up the matter of public improvements and the frontage tax law he points out defects in that law. Provision should be made for maintenance and repairs without resort to such expensive proceedings; the city is obliged to pay all expenses on all public lands, including that owned by the territory and those lands exempted from territorial taxation; the contractor is required to furnish a bond in the amount of the bid while in territorial work a bond in only half the amount is required.

As to the desirability of acquiring a site for a city hall he writes briefly but imperatively.

He speaks of the "dual" government of mayor and supervisors with the former having no vote.

As to the civil service he believes the commission has done good work and heartily approves of the merit system.

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Public health and the emergency hospital follow in order and then comes one of the most important of his recommendations, a labor commission. He points out that Honolulu has been fortunate in avoiding labor wars generally but refers to the stevedores' strike of a few months since and that much good in the future might be accomplished by such a commission should similar conditions arise. The commission should have broad powers to include the settlement of disputes and other matters.

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INTER-ISLAND CO. HAS NEW OFFICERS

Two vice-presidents, J. M. Dowsett and Norman E. Gedge, elected instead of one.

Officers of secretary and treasurer taken from Norman E. Gedge and given to M. M. Graham and Oliver C. Scott.

Old directors all reelected by stockholders. These are the principal features of the annual meetings of shareholders and directors of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., held this morning. The meetings were to have been held yesterday, but after a short session then were continued to today.

The two vice-presidents are J. M. Dowsett, first, and Norman E. Gedge, second. Heretofore there was only one vice-president, the late James L. McLean, who died several weeks ago.

In addition to serving as second vice-president, Gedge will continue to act as assistant to President and General Manager James A. Kennedy. The directors today relieved Gedge of the positions of secretary and treasurer, which he has held for the last year or more in addition to his duties as assistant general manager and which have placed heavy burdens upon him in the way of additional work.

The new secretary, Matthew M. Graham, formerly of the Audit Company of Hawaii, joined the Inter-Island this month to take charge of its accounting. Oliver C. Scott, the new treasurer, has been passenger agent of the company for years and is one of the most popular and efficient transportation men in the territory.

The only new office created today was that of an additional vice-president, making two instead of one. J. M. Dowsett as first vice-president, succeeds the late J. L. McLean.

The shareholders reelected all the old directors. George N. Wilcox, Albert S. Wilcox, John M. Dowsett, Clarence H. Cooke, J. W. Waldron, William O. Smith and James A. Kennedy.

Following the shareholders' meeting, the directors met today and elected officers as follows: President, James A. Kennedy; first vice-president, J. M. Dowsett; second vice-president, Norman E. Gedge; treasurer, O. C. Scott; secretary, M. M. Graham.

LETTERS

"THE SUN NEVER SETS ON THE U. S."

College of Hawaii, Feb. 21, 1917. Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: Your correspondent "K" suggests that the question whether the sun ever sets on the United States is not to be settled by noting the breadth of the country in longitude, but that the latitude of the extreme points must be considered. Your comment is that there is "food for discussion." If the discussion is not closed, please give space for a few facts that have some bearing on the decision.

Before proceeding to the facts, however, are not the supporters of no sunset claiming a little too much when they hold that the sun has not set on a region as long as the twilight lasts? The sun, let us say, disappears below the horizon of Honolulu at 6:00 p. m. Are we told that it has not set at 6:30, because the twilight lasts as long as that, or longer?

All will doubtless admit that the sun has not set on an island as long as its rays strike any mountain summit, and to make the case for "patriotism" as strong as possible, let us suppose that St. Croix and Balabac both have mountain summits equivalent to two miles elevation at the extreme points of the coast line. This will have 10 times the effect of including the three miles of sea, as it will in effect extend the extreme breadth to within 17 minutes of 180 degrees. On this supposition, stating sunrise and sunset, for easy comparison, in time of the meridian 60 degrees east of Greenwich, we have the following results:

On June 21, the day in the latitude of Balabac is 12 h. 28 m. long, in that of St. Croix, 13 h. 4 m. Sunset at Balabac occurs at 2:28 p. m., sunrise at St. Croix at 1:44 p. m., 45 minutes earlier. On that day, then, the sun does not set on the possessions of the United States, as 11 1/4 degrees of the St. Croix side are lighted before the sun disappears from the other side. On December 21, the day is 11 h. 32 m. long at Balabac, and 10 h. 56 m. at St. Croix. Sunset at Balabac occurs at 2:01 p. m., sunrise at St. Croix at 2:48 p. m., or 47 minutes later. So, on December 21, even with our rather liberal allowance in the matter of mountains, the sun does set on the possessions of the United States, for a period of 47 minutes. That is, when the sun sets at Balabac it has not yet risen at St. Croix, darkness and twilight extending almost 12 degrees to the east of that island, besides covering the whole breadth of the country. During the 47 minutes, the darkness to the east of St. Croix decreases, while it extends to the west of Balabac, and reaches almost 12 degrees beyond it when the sun rises at St. Croix. The dates on which sunset at Balabac and sunrise at St. Croix occur at the same instant are March 23 and September 20. Between these dates the sun does not set on our possessions. After September 20, when the sun sets at Balabac, darkness and twilight cover the whole breadth of the country, and extend beyond St. Croix, by an amount which increases from zero up to the maximum of 11 1/4 degrees on December 21, and then decreases to zero again by March 23.

PROHIBITION FOR HAWAII IN BILL

Absolute prohibition for Hawaii is provided in a bill which was to be introduced at 2 o'clock this afternoon by Senator Charles F. Chillingworth, bearing the title of "An Act Forbidding the Sale or Exposing, Keeping or Offering For Sale or Soliciting or Receiving Orders for the Purchase or Sale of Intoxicating Liquors." It reads as follows:

Section 1. Definitions. The term "intoxicating liquor" as used in this act shall be held to include spirituous, vinous, malt or fermented liquors and any beverage in which may be found any percentage of distilled spirits, spirits, alcohol and alcoholic spirits as defined by the laws of the United States, and any sake, beer, lager beer, ale, porter and malt or fermented or distilled liquor.

"Person" as used in this act shall be held and taken to mean and include any corporation, joint stock company, individual or individuals, acting or being singly or together as a copartnership, club or association of any kind whatsoever.

Section 2. No person shall sell, or expose, keep or offer for sale any intoxicating liquor, or solicit or receive orders for the purchase or sale of any such intoxicating liquor.

Provided, however, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to a duly licensed pharmacist, making sales upon prescription or order of a physician duly licensed to practise medicine in this territory.

Section 3. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1000), or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by both fine and imprisonment.

Section 4. All laws or parts of laws inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Section 5. This act shall take effect December 31, D. 1917.

The case for "K" can be made much stronger. Suppose we should add another island, "Id," in the same latitude as St. Croix, and 10 degrees further east, thus increasing the breadth of our possessions to 190 degrees. Stating sunrise and sunset in time of the same meridian as before, we have for December 21: Sunset at Balabac, 2:01 p. m., sunrise at "Id" 2:08 p. m., or 7 minutes later. In fact, the effect of the latitude is such that the total breadth of our possessions, with the two extreme points in the same latitude as at present, would have to be more than 191 degrees and a half, to bring it about that one or the other of these extreme points would be always touched by the sun's direct rays. The same effect is shown, also, in the fact, which does not seem to be widely known, that, even before the acquisition of the Philippines, the sun did not set on our territory from May 15 to July 30, as it does not pass below the horizon at Pt. Barrow, Alaska, between these dates, as well as by the other fact that, from June 16 to June 25, some point in either Maine or the Aleutian Islands is always illuminated.

J. S. DONAGHOO.

From chief to lowly rookie, the police of Passaic, N. J., signed a petition asking for salary increases. They declared the cost of life necessities has jumped between 30 and 50 per cent.

E. W. Christmas Announces Date For Exhibition

E. W. Christmas, R. B. A., whose paintings of island scenery have attracted much attention here in the past few months, announced today that he will open an exhibition, beginning February 27, in the rooms above the former Star-Bulletin office on Alakea street, between King and Hotel streets.

Scenes of Waimea canyon, Kaula, where he has been most recently; Maui, Oahu and Hawaii will be on view and should prove of interest to tourists and residents.

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